

**Indiana Heritage and Culture Council**  
**<http://www.in.gov/heritage>**  
**Minutes**  
**September 12, 2003**

The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council convened at 10:10 a.m. (EST) in the Indiana Government Center, Conference Room C, 402 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Council members present were: Pam Bennett (Indiana Historical Bureau), Sal Cilella, (Indiana Historical Society), Chuck Coffey (Indiana Department of Administration), Chair Beth Compton (Governor's Office), Carmen DeRusha (Hispanic Community), Barbara Maxwell (Indiana State Library), Jeff Myers (Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites), Elizabeth Osborn (Citizen Member), Jane Rulon (Department of Commerce - Tourism and Film Development), Representative Tom Saunders (Indiana House of Representatives), Jon Smith (Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology), Jennifer Swenson (2016 Project), Mayor Richard Ullrich (Citizen Member), and Carter Wolf (Citizen Member),

Council members absent were: Wendy Dant Chesser (Indiana Rural Development Council), Ray Gonyea (Citizen Member), Rita Kohn (Citizen Member), Representative Markt Lytle (Indiana House of Representatives), Scott Massey (Indiana Humanities Council), Senator James Merritt (Indiana Senate), Nancy Nakano Conner (Asian Community), Paul Strack (Native American Community), Reid Williamson (Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana), and Senator Richard Young (Indiana Senate)

Proxies present: David Buchanan (Bill Sweeney, Indiana War Memorials Commission), Alan January (for John Newman, Commission for Public Records), Monica Peterson (Indiana Arts Commission),

Other attendees were: Erin Kremer (Indiana State Department of Personnel), Kimberly Pearson (Indiana State Department of Personnel), and Jeannie Regan-Dinius (Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology- Council Support Staff)

Vice Chair Sal Cilella called the Indiana Heritage and Culture Council to order at 10:10 AM (EST).

**I. Welcome/Introductions**

Mr. Cilella welcomed those in attendance.

**The Agenda was taken out of order by approval of the Council.**

**IV. Other Issues**

Ms. Bennett announced the reception for the reopening of the Indiana State Library will be on December 11, 2003. Ms. Bennett also distributed an invitation for the republication event in

honor of William B. Barnes, SR. and his forthcoming publication *National Resources and the Great Depression in Martin County and South Central Indiana* on Tuesday, October 2, 2003.

Ms. Swenson announced a new display has been mounted in the tunnel between the State House and Government Center Indiana's. The topic of the exhibit is "Indiana's Response to 9/11." It will be up until December.

Ms. DeRusha distributed information about *Fiesta* events happening in Indianapolis.

## **II. Approval of Minutes of June 6, 2003 Meeting – previously distributed**

Mr. Cilella called for additions or corrections to the minutes from the June 6, 2003 meeting. Ms. Swenson asked for a wording clarification under **III. C. Committee Reports**. The words "a discussion about" were added to the minutes to more accurately represent the discussion on the legislation concerning the consolidation of several heritage and cultural agencies. On a motion by Ms. Rulon and seconded by Ms. Bennett the motion carried to accept the minutes with the noted correction.

Mr. Wolf asked that the Council observe a moment of silence for recovery of Governor O'Bannon.

Mr. Wolf then asked that a letter be written from the Council to the Governor that our thoughts are with him. On a motion by Mr. Wolf and second by Ms. Bennett the Council unanimously supported a letter.

Ms. Compton took chair of the Council

## **III. Committee Reports**

### **A. State Personnel Department Study on the Consolidation of Heritage/Culture Agencies**

Ms. Compton discussed the study. Several State Agencies have been involved in offering information regarding the study. Working on a model of how a Department of Heritage could be developed, the study committee has been talking with several agencies and divisions located outside of Indianapolis (like the State Historic Sites).

Ms. Compton has been in contact with the Natural Resources Summer Study Committee to present a report. They have a final meeting in October and the Study Committee will be making a presentation at that time.

Ms. Kremer from the Indiana State Department of Personnel reported that the study committee has adjusted their methodology to reflect the detail necessary for this study. The committee has met weekly to gather information. The report is now focusing on

three aspects: what the department could look like, the fiscal impact (both short term and long term), and governing boards.

Mr. Cilella asked if they have found overlaps in functions of the agencies. Ms. Kremer noted that there have not been overlaps, but complements of programs.

Ms. Rulon asked which agencies are being studied. Ms. Kremer noted that they have been using the Indiana State Library, the Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, the Indiana Historical Bureau, the Indiana War Memorial Commission, and the Indiana State Archives as the main agencies and division used in the several models.

Ms. Rulon asked when their findings will be made public. Ms. Kremer noted that by the end of October they hope to finalize their study.

Mr. Wolf asked about the fiscal impact. Ms. Kremer noted that there would be immediate costs and long term costs depending on how the new Department would be structured.

#### **B. Collaborative Plan Committee**

Ms. Rulon reported for the Committee. She noted that the Committee met with the Center for Urban Policy and the Environment, Hedrick Communications, and POLIS about their proposal and the changes the Council wanted.

Funding is still not confirmed, but the Committee is moving forward via the authority granted to it by the Council.

#### **C. Archives Task Force**

No report by the Committee

#### **IV. Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

#### **VI. Next Meeting: October 3, 2003 10:00 AM, Indiana Historical Society, Indiana History Center, Board Room**

Mr. Wolf made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The Indiana Heritage and Culture Council meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m. (EST).